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Comprehensive Community Plan

County: Adams

LCC: Substance Abuse Awareness Council

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Plan Summary

Mission Statement: The Adams County Substance Abuse Awareness Council promotes responsible lifestyle choices through prevention, education, treatment and the enforcement of laws pertaining to alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.

History: After the formation of the Governor's Commission for a Drug-Free Indiana in 1989, several community leaders met with the Community Consultant to discuss alcohol, tobacco, and other drug issues within Adams County. That led to the formation of the forerunner of the Substance Abuse Awareness Council of Adams County, the Adams County Local Coordinating Council. That group began the process of community needs assessment, problem statement development, and the recommended action process. Initially, the group was populated by high-level leaders but as time progressed, more of those people providing the services became involved. We have been in existence for 16 years, and throughout that time, there has been ebbs and flow within the organization. For a number of years, the group was an all-volunteer effort, and most of the effort was focused on the distribution of the Local Drug Free Communities Fund. Most recently, the approach has changed to looking at the bigger picture, which includes outcome-based prevention and effective treatment, as well as cooperative efforts among law enforcement agencies. During the mid-1990s, the organization changed its name to the Substance Abuse Awareness Council to appropriately address business at hand. Later, they developed a partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Adams County in which they became the fiscal agent and also provided SAAC's first paid Coordinator. Due to a job change, that position became open and was filled by a gentleman with a great deal of experience working in the alcohol and drug arena. Most recently, a new coordinator was hired in mid-2005, who has had extensive experience working with community anti-drug coalitions. The Council's recent approach is to look at outside funding sources, developing additional partnerships within the county, particularly in the workplace, and the formation of community partnerships within the county based upon school districts.

SAAC was awarded a Drug-Free Communities Support Program Grant in 2006 from the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration. The grant is for five years at \$100,000 per year and with a potential renewal of an additional five years. The Boys and Girls Club of Adams County, Inc. will serve as the fiscal agent for the grant.

The 2000 census showed that there were 33,625 people residing in Adams County, a rural county located approximately 30 miles south of Fort Wayne. Adams County is made up of 4 main towns. The population of Decatur is 9,500, Berne is 3,900, Geneva is 1,300, and Monroe is 600. The population is primarily Caucasian, with the Hispanic population in Adams County being 4% and the town of Decatur being 9%. All other ethnic groups are less than 1%. The county's per capita income is only \$16,700 while the State's average is \$19,400. Adams County is ranked in the top 20% among Indiana's counties for youth ages 5-17 living in poverty. Adams County is ranked 2nd in the state for having the highest

percentage of their population under the age of 18, being at 30%. Adams County is ranked in the bottom third of the State in regards to teenage pregnancy and youth on free and reduced lunches. 26% of North Adams students are on the lunch program.

Summary of the Comprehensive Community Plan: During the past year the coalition has used several venues to raise awareness and seek community input in regards to alcohol, tobacco and other drug issues. There have been a number of articles in the print media concerning drinking/driving, smoking cessation and treatment/recovery. In addition, five billboards have highlighted these issues during the year. All three county high schools used flyers in their basketball programs prepared by the coalition to focus on alcohol issues. The coalition sponsored a well attended “Town Hall Meeting” covering the topic of underage drinking. Speakers representing youth, business, treatment, law enforcement and the recovering community made presentations along with two parents whose child was killed in an alcohol-related crash. Presentations have been made at three community organization meetings. Dialogue with citizens occurred at a booth sponsored by the coalition at the “Spotlight on Decatur” event. Using a specially equipped golf cart by the Indiana State Police, coalition members provided citizens an opportunity to experience driving impaired at the Decatur Car Show and the Adams County 4-H Fair. In cooperation with the Anti-Tobacco Coalition and the Adams County Fair Board, July 26 was set aside as “Substance Abuse Awareness Day.” Information was made available in the Dining Hall and members of each coalition worked in the Dining Hall from 5 to 10:30 PM.

SAAC pursued a strategy beginning in October of 2005 of a part-time coordinator providing leadership for the coalition. The intent was to use the skills and resources of this individual to raise the level of substance abuse awareness throughout the county and pursue additional funding sources, beyond the Local Drug-Free Community Fund, for coalition activities. The Coordinator has made great progress on both counts. While SAAC did not list a specific problem statement concerning the issue of continuation of this position, it is widely felt by the membership that continuation to do so is inherent with the success of the coalition and its mission. The coalition felt strongly to include this statement within the "Comprehensive Plan."

The “Problem Statements” are the result of analysis of data gathered from a variety of agencies throughout the county including police reports, treatment providers, school surveys and a community needs assessment. The problem statements are:

1. The incidence of alcohol and other drug (AOD) related offenses among adults is a continuing problem.
2. The abuse of alcohol and other drugs (AOD) has contributed to the problem of domestic violence and other forms of battery in Adams County.
3. Alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use by Adams County youth is at a significant level.

Our needs assessment was a twenty-question tool given to a random sampling of 100 citizens in our community ranging in age from 10 to 60+. Significant findings include the following:

- * In regards to awareness of alcohol problems in Adams County, 83% of the responders acknowledge knowing adults who have alcohol problems, and 79% know youth who use or have problems.
- * There is a strong perception that marijuana use leads to other drug use.
- * There is a strong sentiment (73%) that counseling/recovery/treatment for all OWI and drug offenders be mandatory, while personal knowledge of knowing who to contact about having an alcohol or drug problem was only at 58%.
- * In regards to services/treatment being affordable, 44% responded "somewhat" or "not at all."

The coalition's own review and discussions conclude that these are the target areas and are in agreement that this should be the focus for the next three years or until data indicates otherwise. The Coalition approved the Comprehensive Plan at their August 23, 2006 meeting.

Membership List

County LCC Name: Substance Abuse Awareness Council

Name	Organization	Race	Gender	Category
Cary Blake	Adams Central Schools	Caucasian	Male	Education
Kelly Bollenbacher	Adams County Probation	Caucasian	Female	Judicial
John Bunnell		Caucasian	Male	Self-Help
Louise Busse	Adams County Health Department	Caucasian	Female	Medicine
Grace Beltz	Big Brothers Big Sisters	Caucasian	Female	Civic
Anthony Flores	M.A.P.P.S.	Caucasian	Male	Treatment
Tonya Eiden	Park Center	Caucasian	Female	Treatment
John Gibson	Adams Memorial Hospital	Caucasian	Male	Medicine
Christopher Harvey	Adams County Prosecuting Attorney	Caucasian	Male	Judicial
James Heimann	Adams Superior Court	Caucasian	Male	Judicial
Trisha Hockemeyer	Adams County Extension	Caucasian	Female	Other
Laura Hoffman	Adams Memorial Hospital Behavioral Health	Caucasian	Female	Treatment
Barry Humble	SAAC Coordinator	Caucasian	Male	Other
Ken Ketzler	Decatur Police Department	Caucasian	Male	Law Enforcement
Angie Gunsett	Adams Wells Crisis Center	Caucasian	Female	Other
Jim Langham	Berne Tri-Weekly	Caucasian	Male	Media
Dan Mawhorr	Indiana State Police	Caucasian	Male	Law Enforcement
Heidi Mettler	Boys & Girls Club	Caucasian	Female	Other

Cathy Malkani	Boys & Girls Club	Caucasian	Female	Other
Katie Myers	Adams Memorial Hospital Behavioral Resource Center	Caucasian	Female	Treatment
Chuck Padgett	Adams County Sheriff Department	Caucasian	Male	Law Enforcement
Adrian Richie	Bellmont High School	Caucasian	Male	Education
Kelly Sickafoose	Governor's Commission for Drug Free Indiana	Caucasian	Female	Government
Amber Heimann	St. Mary's Catholic Church	Caucasian	Female	Religion
Carol Thieme	Private Counseling	Caucasian	Female	Treatment
John Wanner	Youth for Christ	Caucasian	Male	Religion
Amy Johnson	Adams County Extension	Caucasian	Female	Education
Clark Faurote	Student - Bellmont High School	Caucasian	Male	Youth
Cori Geyer	Student - Bellmont High School	Caucasian	Female	Youth
Kyler Blake	Student - Adams Central School	Caucasian	Male	Youth
Jacie Yoder	Student - South Adams School	Caucasian	Female	Youth
Illis A. Perez		Hispanic	Female	Parent
Wes Kuntzman	Decatur Chamber of Commerce	Caucasian	Male	Business

Problem Identification

Problem Statement #1: The incidence of alcohol and other drug (AOD) related offenses among adults is a continuing problem.

Supportive Data:

- Adams County Superior Court adjudicated 858 alcohol and drug cases from 2003 to 2005, with 2003 being the high with 337 and dropping to 220 in 2005. The total number of adjudicated alcohol and drug cases represents 45% of the entire caseload of Superior Court.
- Adams County Circuit Court adjudicated 56 alcohol and drug cases from 2003 to 2005. In 2003, there were 17 cases adjudicated; in 2004, there were 12 cases adjudicated with 10 pending; and in 2005, 27 cases were adjudicated with 18 pending. The total number of adjudicated alcohol and drug cases represents 17% of the entire caseload of Circuit Court.
- The increase in AOD offenses has led to an increase in the number of people seeking treatment. According to the following treatment providers: Behavioral Health, M.A.P.P.S., Park Center, the number of AOD clients eighteen and older that have been provided services are as follows: 198 in 2003, 197 in 2004, and 341 in 2005.
- According to the Adams County Prosecuting Attorney, 70% of all criminal cases filed in Adams County involve the use of alcohol or drugs.
- According to Decatur Police Department, the following arrests were made involving alcohol and drugs. Additionally, the number of personal injury crashes that the blood alcohol content was .08% or higher is included: OWI - 58 in 2003, 52 in 2004, and 55 in 2005; Public Intoxication - 10 in 2003, 13 in 2004, 16 in 2005; PI crashes with BAC of .08% or higher - 7 in 2003, 3 in 2004, 6 in 2005.
- According to "DETECT" (Adams Wells County Drug Task Force including Adams County Sheriff's Department, Decatur Police Department and Bluffton Police Department in cooperation with the Indiana State Police), the following information details the scope and magnitude of drug activity recorded in Adams and Wells Counties: in 2003, 72 cases were investigated and 58 people were arrested; in 2004, 45 cases were investigated and 23 people were arrested; in 2005, 28 cases were investigated and 28 people were arrested; and in the first six months in 2006, 25 cases were investigated, and 18 people were arrested.
- Based upon the DETECT investigations, the following trends are developing: cocaine purchased or seized dropped from 3,800 grams in 2002 to 196 so far in 2006; for LSD, in 2004 there were 101 doses seized and in 2005 there were 1300 doses seized, and there have been none so far in 2006. For marijuana, in 2002, 4.9 pounds was seized, and 40.5 pounds was seized in 2005. For prescription drugs, in 2005 there were nine doses seized and so far in 2006, there were 59. For meth, there was none until 2005 when 45.4 grams were seized and so far in 2006, they have seized 84 grams. During all of these investigations beginning in 2005, there have been a significant number of firearms seized. So far in 2006, they have seized 50 firearms.

- According to the Berne Police Department, the following calls were made involving alcohol and other drugs: OWI - 43 in 2004 and 31 in 2005; Public Intoxication - 3 in 2004 and 3 in 2005; Possession of a Controlled Substance - 5 in 2004 and 2 in 2005; and Possession of Marijuana - 1 in 2004 and 1 in 2005.
- According to the Adams County Sheriff's Department, the following number of OWI incidents were investigated and video recorded by their officers: 28 in 2003, 87 in 2004, and 47 in 2005.

Year 1 Update:

- **Adams Superior Court adjudicated 240 cases in 2006.**
- **Adams Circuit Court adjudicated 30 cases in 2006.**
- **Adams County Treatment Providers served 332 clients in 2006.**
- **"DETECT" investigated 66 cases and arrested 205 individuals in 2006.**
- **"DETECT" investigated 12 cases as of May 27, 2007 with the following drug amount seized: Marijuana 10.825 ounces, Cocaine 7.5 grams, Methamphetamine 1 gram, Percocet 10 pills, Xanax 8 pills and Vicodin 2 pills.**
- **Decatur Police Department made the following arrests involving alcohol and drugs: OWI 56, Public Intoxication 15, Personal Injury Crashes With BAC of .08% or higher 12, in 2006.**
- **Berne Police Department made the following calls in 2006: OWI 20, Public Intoxication 14, Possession On Controlled Substance 1, Possession Of Marijuana 3. In addition, there were the following incidents 16 minor consuming, 5 controlled substance investigations and 1 possession paraphernalia.**
- **Adams County Sheriff's Department investigated 39 OWI incidents in 2006 that were video recorded by their officers.**

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Objectives:

- **Work to raise general public awareness of the problem of AOD related offenses and their cost to society.**
- **Encourage intervention, counseling, and education in the workplace concerning AOD use and abuse issues.**

- Support existing and new programs that have the potential to reduce AOD offenses including treatment services to the financially disadvantaged.
- Support law enforcement and judicial initiatives that address AOD related offenses.

Year 1 Update:

- Our public awareness campaign included 2 billboards, 4,000 flyers "You Lose With Booze" distributed at all 3 high school basketball games during December 2006, "Substance Abuse Awareness Night" at each of the 3 high schools during January & February 2007, paid PSA's during sports broadcasts of WBZD November 2006 thru October 2007 and "Substance Abuse Awareness Day" at the Adams County Fair.
- Our workplace specialist, Katie Myers has made presentations at more than 10 workplace sites, has produced a column "Parents At Work" for the Decatur Chamber Of Commerce newsletter and is currently writing a column for the Decatur Daily Democrat.
- The Coalition is currently funding 2 programs that provide financial assistance for treatment for clients who are financially challenged. Currently, 15 clients have received assistance.
- The Coalition recently approved the purchase of a PBT and a Passable Air Sensor for the Berne Police Department to assist their officers with potential alcohol related offenses.

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Goals:

- There will be a 10% decrease in AOD related offenses adjudicated from 247 in 2005 to 222 in 2008.

Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:

- **In 2006 there was a total of 270 AOD related offenses adjudicated in both Adams Superior and Adams Circuit Courts. (The number of AOD related offenses increased by 37 from the 2005 total. There are several reasons but the most prominent includes higher enforcement by all of the counties police departments. Each department is putting a greater emphasis on enforcement, in particular, DUI and underage drinking.)**

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Problem Statement #2: The abuse of alcohol and other drugs (AOD) has contributed to the problem of domestic violence and other forms of battery in Adams County.

Supportive Data:

- The director of the Adams/Wells Crisis Center feels that she can state with absolute certainty that 100% of the clients who seek safe haven at the facility would assert substance use or abuse as a contributing factor. In 2002, they served 80 residential clients and 96 outreach clients; in 2003, they served 78 residential and 143 outreach clients; in 2004, they served 73 residential and 171 outreach clients; and in 2005, they served 42 residential clients and 79 outreach clients.
- From 2000 through 2005, there were 129 domestic battery cases in Adams Superior Court. When combined, all forms of battery rank third behind AOD cases and check deception.
- The number of domestic violence related calls received by the Decatur Police Department is as follows: 166 in 2002, 147 in 2003, 200 in 2004, and 209 in 2005. The Chief of Police estimates that 70% of these calls involve alcohol or drug use by at least one of the individuals. The number of calls related to bar fights/juvenile fights were : 73 in 2002, 83 in 2003, 82 in 2004, and 64 in 2005.
- According to the Berne Police Department, officers responded to 69 calls involving domestic violence in 2004, and in 2005, they responded to 46 calls. Also, in 2004 the department received 53 calls that were violence related, which include fights with suspect jailed, possible fight/no charges filed and battery with charges filed, and in 2005, they received 35 calls.

Year 1 Update:

- In 2006 the Adams Wells Crisis Center reported they provided service to 33 residential and 68 outreach clients.
- In 2006 there were 29 Domestic Battery cases in Adams Superior Court. There were an additional 46 Battery cases filed in Superior Court in 2006.
- The number of Domestic related violence calls by the Decatur Police Department in 2006 was 198 with 70% of these calls involving alcohol or drug use with at least one of the individuals. The number of bar fights/juvenile fights investigated by the DPD was 67.
- According to the Berne Police Department, officers responded to 72 calls involving Domestic Violence and 31 calls that were violence related in 2006.
- The number of domestic related violence calls by the Adams County Sheriff's Department in 2005 was 88 and 134 in 2006. The number of calls for assault/battery was 14 in 2005 and 15 in 2006.

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Objectives:

- Support initiatives that focus on the issues surrounding domestic violence.
- Support qualified organizations and facilities who provide counseling and other services, including the dissemination of literature about addiction, recovery, and support group involvement.
- Support initiatives that focus on alcohol- and/or drug-related violence.
- Support the establishment of a protocol for law enforcement, court, treatment providers, and victim services.

Year 1 Update:

- **The Coalition financially supports a program at the Adams Wells Crisis Shelter that addresses the problem of mental illness and depression experienced by victims of family violence and the role substance abuse plays in battering through education, counseling and support group services.**
- **The lead agency for domestic violence in Adams County is the Adams Wells Crisis Shelter. This agency is represented on the coalition and receives funding for their initiatives.**
- **A protocol for law enforcement, court, treatment providers and victim services was established prior to the close of 2006 through the guidance of the director of the Adams Wells Crisis Shelter and Superior Court Judge.**

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Goals:

- **By 2008, there will be a 10% decrease (24 cases of domestic battery/32 other forms of battery in 2005) in the number of court cases related to domestic violence and other forms of violence where alcohol and other drugs are involved.**

Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:

- In 2006 there were 29 cases of Domestic Battery/46 other Battery cases. (There was a increase in the number of Domestic Battery as well as other Battery cases from the 2005 totals. The level of awareness has increase due to media attention and the work of the Adams Wells Crisis Shelter. The number of calls to police departments for Domestic Violence incidents has increased over the past year.)

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Problem Statement #3: Alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use by Adams County youth is at a significant level.

Supportive Data:

- Adams County Juvenile Probation Department reports the number of alcohol/ other drug (AOD) related offenses (minor consuming, possession of marijuana, OWI, possession of paraphernalia, possession of controlled substance): 31 of 148 total offenses in 2003, 62 of 183 offenses in 2004, and 36 of 144 offenses in 2005.
- Of the three school corporations in Adams County, two have participated in the IPRC survey and the other does an in-house survey. The four components of interest are: past 30 day use; age of onset; perception of harm; and peer disapproval. Currently, survey data is from three different years. All three school corporations have agreed to participate in the IPRC survey in 2007.
- School Corporation A completed their last survey in 2004. See Attachment A.
- School Corporation B completed their last survey in 2005. See Attachment B.
- School Corporation C conducted their in-house survey in 2004, 2005, and 2006. See Attachment C. This survey is based on past 12-month usage.

Year 1 Update:

- **Adams County Juvenile Probation reported 44 of 144 offenses were alcohol or other drug related.**
- **In the spring of 2007 2 of the 3 public school corporations participated in the IPRC Drug Prevalence Survey grades 6-12. There aggregate results will not be available until September 2007.**
- **In October of 2006 the coalition began a "Parents at Work" program. The intent of the program is to provide parents information concerning alcohol, tobacco and other drugs through awareness sessions, payroll stuffers and posters via the workplace. Five Adams County employers have taken advantage of this program thus far.**

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Objectives:

- **Continue to support education, prevention, and early intervention programs.**

- **Work to educate the adult community about the prevalence rates of usage among young people with emphasis on the fact that parental disapproval is the most effective variable that prevents young people from using ATOD.**
- **Broaden the SAAC's cooperation with the leaders of youth groups in the community and encourage them to include an anti-ATOD component in their existing programs.**
- **Conduct public awareness programs intended to motivate the adult population to become more involved in combating underage drinking.**
- **Support education and prevention initiatives in elementary schools.**

Year 1 Update:

- The Coalition has continued to support programing at all 3 school corporations and at the 2 after school sites hosted by the Boys and Girls Club of Adams County. The Drug-Free Communities Support Program Grant awarded to Adams County in October 2006 has allowed the formation of 3 school community partnerships that providing education, prevention and intervention services to each of those communities.
- The "Parents At Work" program has been using payroll stuffers to alert parents concerning youth prevalence rates and the significance of the role parents play in a child's life.
- The Coalition has started a youth round table with young people representing each of the 3 high schools as well as youth group leaders in our county (youth pastors, 4-H, coaches).
- A "Party Safe Homes" network has been developed for the entire county. Information has been printed in booklet form as well as on a website accs.k12.in.us/partysafehomes. Each of the 3 school coporations website has an icon that leads directly to the website. The website not only provides helpful information for parents but includes the names, phone number and email of other parents who agree to host parties that will be supervised and no alcohol, tobacco or drugs will be served.
- The Coalition has sponsored for the second year the "Adams County Quiz Bowl" for 5th and 6th grade students in both public and parochial schools. The contest is similar to a spelling bee but the questions are in regards to alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. The Coalition provides a work book for all students to use. Each school has their own contest to select their representatives to the county contest. Awards have been provided by our local Kmart employees and the coalition. Our 2 county grade winners went on to compete at the Northeast Region contest in Fort Wayne.

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Goals:

- By 2008, the past 30 day use of alcohol by Adams County youth will be reduced to a level equal or less than the statewide average.

Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:

- Information will not be available until September 2007.

Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:

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Please attach the County's Fiscal Report for review!

Next Annual Update Due: 8/2008

Next Comprehensive Community Plan Due: 8/2009

Date of Community Consultant Review: 08/27/2007

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